

# Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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**The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 28th January 2020 in Mission Room. Wormegay at 7pm.**

**Present:** *Chairman:* Peter Sneesby, *Councillors:* Jill McArdle, Elizabeth Gannon, Mike Johnson, and Gwen Reddington.  
*Clerk:* Julian Snape. Also present were 14 parishioners.

**1. Apology for Absence:** Councillors: Jonathan Pearce, Kevan Reddington and Borough Councillor Mike Howland

**2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda:** None

**3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to be Approved and Signed**

These were duly approved unanimously and signed. No matters were reported.

**4. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports**

*Chairman:* Cllr Sneesby said the New Years Eve Party organised by the village went very well and will be repeated at the end of 2020.

Bank Holiday Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day and the village should do something to celebrate. Parishioners and Councillors might like to think of possible events the village could run and the Parish Council may be able to make a donation to support the event.

*Borough Councillor:* Nothing to report

*Clerk:* The Clerk had had a meeting with the new Western Area Highways Manager, Jason Moore and expressed the various issues Wormegay had had and still has with highways in and out of the village. Mr Moore is still new to the job and finding out the concerns of Parishes around the area. He emphasised that Highways Engineer Andy Wallace remains the first point of call, but major issues could be escalated to him if necessary. He was also keen to help local Parishes and walking groups maintain their local rights of way by keeping undergrowth down when needed.

**5. Reports from last meeting – (Parishioners participation limited to 3 mins each)**

*Bus Service:* Cllr Johnson has been corresponding with the local Transport Manager concerning the lack of local bus services too and from King's Lynn. As a result of this engagement he has been assured that the Number 38 Route will now include Wormegay and will start running a daily service from Easter 2020.

*Dog waste bins:* Cllr McArdle has been working together with a parishioner to get the height requirements of the dog bins finally sorted. This has now been achieved and the first collections have been made. However, it was emphasised that anyone using the bin should ensure the inner lining is properly attached before depositing their waste bags. The Chairman gave thanks to Cllr McArdle and parishioner for their help and the parishioner presented a small invoice for some extra parts purchased to ensure the bins were properly mounted.

*Highways:* A parishioner mentioned the number of pot holes in 'The Sinks'. However it was pointed out this was private and not council land so the Highways Dept have no jurisdiction.

It was mentioned that there were bad potholes outside the Carrot Factory. There is still a need to put fluorescent tape on the railings by the School and a 15 mph sign has been knocked over in the village. These issues will all be taken up with Highways and Highways Engineer Andy Wallace will be attending the next meeting and such issues can be re-enforced then.

Lorries were still not complying with speed and weight regulations through the village and it may be necessary to write a letter to Park Farm their apparent destination. Also a parishioner quoted an incident with a lorry on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan at 22:00 hrs in the village with it's cabin roof lights on full for at least half an hour.

Cllr Johnson had news about the replacement of the collapsed wooden bridge on Petticoat Lane (which has been closed off by Highways). This will be fixed soon and will take 6-8 weeks to redesign and complete, although it is uncertain exactly when the work will start.

*Defibrillator:* Cllr Gannon is talking to the Charity who said they may be able to supply free defibrillators but it is still uncertain if this may be possible. Failing that the Parish should purchase one or possibly two (as Wormegay is a long village) with locations still being sought, although possibly by the Bus Shelter and the Village Green (if there were two). It is also possible acquiring battery powered units may dispense with the need to have power onsite. The defibrillators cost £2,400 +VAT, but it may be possible to have a discount for the purchase of two.

A parishioner suggested a jam jar money collection for the defibrillators.

*Training:* Councillor Training will have to be move to later in February due to a clash in bookings for the Village Hall. So far the next best date would be Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February all depending on Hall availability. Clerk to advise Councillors by email.

## **6. Health and Safety**

Nothing to report.

## **7. Planning**

No new planning applications.

## **8. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques**

Current balance: £17,440.07

Cheques approved: £283.84 Clerk Wages  
£13.07 parts for adjustment of Dog Bins

All cheques were unanimously approved.

## **9. Other village matters and items for future agendas**

The organiser of the local Neighbourhood Watch mentioned that if the village could get a positive response from 70% of residents the village could be marked as a 'no cold calling' area, and the head oOf West Norfolk Neighbourhood Watch will be visiting Wormegay on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Gannon raised the issue of more regular meetings at the Mission Room as it appears to attract more Parishioners. The Chairman asked the Parishioners to indicate if they were more likely to attend Parish Council Meetings if they were held in the Village at the Mission Room rather than in the Tottenhill & Wormegay Village Hall in Tottenhill. The majority of Parishioners agreed. A vote was put to the Councillors present to hold most of the meetings at the Mission Room. The vote was passed by 4 votes for the motion and 1 against.

The meeting ended at 20:10 hrs.

**10. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7pm at the Mission Room, Wormegay.**